

Senate Resolution 1388

By: Senators Buckner of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Sims of the 12th, Orrock of the 36th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Women's Institute's founding member Mrs. Nellie
2 Dunaway Duke; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Nellie Dunaway Duke has long been recognized by the citizens of this
4 state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment
5 to the needs of women and families; and

6 WHEREAS, a founding member of the Georgia Women's Institute, Mrs. Duke serves with
7 honor and distinction as the organization's president and CEO; and

8 WHEREAS, the mission of the Georgia Women's Institute is to bring together women to
9 endorse and support women's leadership and educational programs, develop and disseminate
10 research, secure funds to support core issues for women and families in Georgia, and provide
11 information, training, and advocacy; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Women's Institute focuses on issues such as health and wellness,
13 violence, education, employment, economic opportunities, discrimination in all its forms,
14 sexual harassment, social issues, and honoring accomplishments of Georgia women; and

15 WHEREAS, a graduate of Rome High School, Mrs. Duke played semi-professional
16 basketball and studied at Carroll Lynn School of Business and Chicago University; and

17 WHEREAS, she also chairs the Georgia Commission on Women and is the founder of the
18 West Georgia Women's Forum, Stopping Violence Where We Live, Carroll County Veterans
19 Memorial Park, and the Carroll Association for Prevention of Sexual Assault; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Duke has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including
21 a Possible Woman Ally Award, a Procter & Gamble Leadership Award, a Leadership in

22 Government Award from Women in Sports, Darton College's Living A Life of Worth
23 Award, and a Turner Broadcasting Systems Super 17 Award; and

24 WHEREAS, she has been united in love and marriage for 59 wonderful years to her husband,
25 William Henry Duke, and she has been blessed with the love and support of five children,
26 ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; and

27 WHEREAS, her selfless service to the women and families of Georgia serves as a shining
28 example of volunteerism and her leadership and vision inspire her community, colleagues,
29 and peers; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
31 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize Mrs. Nellie Dunaway Duke for her vision, sacrifice, and foresight in founding the
34 Georgia Women's Institute and commend her years of dedicated service to Georgia's women
35 and families.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Nellie Dunaway Duke.